

each of said end doors having an inner edge and an outer edge;

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said doors being movable between a closed position in which the doors substantially enclose an end of the car, and an open position permitting access to the interior of the car;

said railway car further comprising a pair of flexible closure members, each of said flexible closure members having a first portion attached to one of said end doors, and a second portion attached to one of said side walls, to restrict air flow into said car between the outer edge of the end door and the side wall when said doors are in closed position.

Remarks

New claims have been submitted to better define the invention. Reconsideration and allowance of the application as amended are respectfully requested.

The Reconsideration of the objection to the abstract is requested. The office action states "The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it is identical to the abstract of the parent case patent number 5,765,486." The office action cites MPEP 608.01(b). However, MPEP 608.01(b) does not appear to proscribe identical abstracts in related cases.

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